

PLAGUE IN HONOLULU
Dreaded Scourge Has Reached
the Hawaiian Capital.

SAID TO BE RAGING THERE.

Introduced by a Ship from Infected
Chinese Port.

ALARM ON THE PACIFIC COAST.

Stringent Measures Being Taken at
San Francisco and Other American
Cities to Prevent Coming of the
Pestilence to Our Shores.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 28.—The army transport Centennial and Newport, which arrived here last night from Manila, via Honolulu, bring the startling news that the bubonic plague is raging in the capital city of the Hawaiian Islands. It is understood that the scourge was brought into Honolulu by vessels from one of the infected ports of China.

ALARM AT SAN FRANCISCO.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 28.—The news of the breaking out of the plague in Honolulu, brought here by the transport Centennial, has created some alarm among the State and city health officials, and every precaution is being taken to prevent a possible admission of the disease into this city.

The transports Centennial and Newport, which arrived last night, and the quarantined ship, which arrived from Manila to-day, are now at the quarantine station, undergoing fumigation, and will be detained at Angel Island for some time. The steamer Galle is due here to-morrow from the Orient, via Honolulu, and will be sent to quarantine and held there until all possible danger is passed.

PRECAUTIONS AT MANILA.

News from reliable sources in the East is to the effect that the disease is prevalent in China and Japan to an unusual extent, and that the officials at Manila have taken precautions to prevent the plague from getting a foothold.

News received here is to the effect that the plague is also rampant in Bombay, and in view of these conditions the authorities in this city and at every port on the Pacific coast will make strenuous efforts to prevent the introduction of the disease on this coast.

DISCUSSION OF TRUSTS.

Their Uses and the Damages That They Inflict.

ITHACA, N. Y., December 28.—To-day's session of the American Economic Association was devoted to a discussion of trusts. All of the speakers thought that the tendency of combinations towards monopoly is to be inevitable. The most interesting paper was read by Professor Sydney Howard, of Johns Hopkins University, and dealt with the "Influence of Trusts in the Development of Undertaking."

After expressing the opinion that the tendency toward combinations of capital was natural, and remarking that he welcomed it as being but a step in the evolution of industry, Professor Howard said:

"Successful industry today requires a more or less complex organization. The costly wastes of production are due to a scarcity of able leaders of enterprises. It is a function of the trust to get rid of the weak. It is the natural and spontaneous effort of progressive industrial organization to get the genius at its head which has produced the trust. The stability of the trust depends upon its getting and keeping the ability of leadership. The real monopoly is the trust. Our future economic supremacy will probably depend upon trusts. A wise policy is to increase their possibilities for good, while diminishing their possibilities for evil, through effective legislation."

KNOWLEDGE LEGISLATION.

Mr. James B. Hill delivered an address in "Some Tendencies in Recent Combinations Which May Become Dangerous."

He defined the first danger to be from without the trust, rather than from within. He said that the tendency of the combination to be a monopoly is a danger to the public. He said that the tendency of the combination to be a monopoly is a danger to the public. He said that the tendency of the combination to be a monopoly is a danger to the public.

TWO GREEKS IN CUSTODY.

They Are Alleged to Be Absconding Debtors.

Nick Manito and Nick Courtois, two Greek confectioners from Marion, O., were arrested yesterday by Detectives Tomlinson and Wren on complaint of J. T. Lutz, of the firm of J. T. Lutz & Sons, of Marion. The charge against them, however, is only that of being suspicious characters.

It is alleged by Mr. Lutz, who followed them here, that the men have goods to the extent of several thousand dollars from him, and after disposing of their stock, failed to settle their bill.

The Greeks do not deny their indebtedness to the firm of Lutz & Sons, but deny that their action was criminal. They have engaged the services of Mr. H. M. Smith, Jr., who will appear for them in the Police Court to-day. It is likely that the case will be dismissed, as it appears to be one for civil rather than criminal action.

Suspected of Robbery.

AUGUSTA, GA., December 28.—Three white men, giving their names as Frank Winters, Frank Short, and James Ferguson, were arrested here yesterday on suspicion of being the parties who robbed the post-office at East Point and Calhoun, Ga., recently, and of committing other robberies in South Carolina. They had a bag of copper cent pieces, besides other money in small pieces.

The men were taken into custody by a watchman at Vauluse, S. C., who detected them in the act of breaking into a store at that place Monday night.

Anti-Clark Witness Recants.

HELENA, MONT., December 28.—Zachary Cason, a lawyer of Butte, who testified in the Wilcoxon disbarment case, told him that he would pay for votes for Clark as senator, has recanted. A signed statement is in the hands of Mr. Clark's friends, in which Cason says his evidence was untrue, and that he had been paid to make the statement. Cason expresses regret at the wrong done, and hopes this retraction may offset it.

WILL HURT BRITISH TRADE.

Impressment of Atlantic Liners
Sixty German on Opening.

THE LINE IN THE WAR
London Papers Full of Criticisms
of the Government.

"NEEDLESS CENSORSHIP"

This a Complaint from the "Thunderer."

HEAT AT LADYSMITH INTENSE.

Thermometer Registering 104 Degrees, in the Shade—Many Cases of Fever in the Town—Boer Position at Colenso Very Strong Indeed.

LONDON, December 28.—A. O. M.—During the continued fall in the military operations in South Africa, the papers are filled with letters and articles criticizing the government and the campaign, and suggesting remedies, improvements, alterations in the plans, and the like.

The Times complains of "needless censorship and concealment." It cites the fact that nothing has yet transpired to show how General Gatacre came to lose 60 men at Stormberg.

The dispatches from the front all represent the Boers as in nervous condition, and constant dread of the British advance, but this is probably an exaggeration.

The Modder river correspondent of the Daily Chronicle gives an explanation of a sudden rifle fire inexplicably opened from the Boer trenches. He says:

"The Boers have wires stretched along the ground in front of the trenches and connected with lamps. If a wire be touched a lamp is extinguished, thus giving warning. One night a high wind extinguished a lamp, which resulted in a false warning. The fire ceased when the Boers discovered that the alarm was false."

A correspondent of the Daily News, at Frere Camp, announces that a railway is being constructed from the railway to the hill commanding the Boer position, and that along this the British will convey heavy guns.

According to a dispatch from Ladysmith, dated Wednesday, December 28th, the heat was intense, being 104 degrees, Fahrenheit, in the shade. There were many cases of enteric fever in the town at that time, but not enough to cause alarm. On the other hand, reports from Boer sources, on the contrary, assert that fever is epidemic in Ladysmith.

"BOER FOOD THREAT." The Transvaal Government, according to information supplied by Boer sympathizers, threaten to "reduce the rations of British prisoners, if Great Britain stops the entry of food by Delagoa Bay."

It is now estimated that the war will cost at least £20,000,000, and it is suggested that the sinking fund of the national debt should be suspended for five or six years, in order to defray the cost.

OPERATIONS AT CHEVILEY.

CHEVILEY CAMP, NATAL, Wednesday, December 27.—A heavy Boer gun on Bulweria Hill fired steadily upon Ladysmith throughout the morning. Ladysmith did not respond.

The enemy having been again detected in an attempt to improve their trenches facing General Buller, the British heavy guns opened upon them and the Boers scampered back into the hills.

The British patrols sighted the enemy in force on the extreme left. Nine Boers were killed in a skirmish that followed, and six Boer wagons were captured.

"BOER AIDERS." ALLEN, NATAL, Wednesday, December 27.—A German farmer named Stuck, and the Rev. Mr. Hartes, director of the Hanoverian Missions in Natal, have been arrested and imprisoned at Eastport on the charge of aiding the Boers. They both claim the protection of Germany.

REPORT FROM MITCHELL.

LONDON, December 28.—The War Office has received the following from Cape Town, dated Wednesday, December 27th: "Mitchell reports as follows:—"

"At 520 yesterday evening the Boers on the south side of Magersfontein opened a very heavy fire, which lasted for some time. This morning the Naval Brigade fired at the enemy at the west part of Magersfontein. The enemy's fire was concentrated in a northerly direction, reconnoitering in a northerly direction."

EXTENDED RECONNOISSANCE. "Lieutenant Masters has made an extended reconnaissance westward and northward of Enslin, and reports all well. The farmers were glad to see our men. They were suffering from want of food. I have established a market here, where I can purchase fresh milk and vegetables, selling to the farmers tea and other articles, which they cannot otherwise purchase."

"Heavy rain fell last night. Gatacre and French report no change in the situation. ALL WELL AT MAPEKING. "Baden-Powell reports all well December 27th."

LATEST FROM LADYSMITH.

LONDON, December 28.—The latest independent news from Ladysmith says: "The field fortifications would now withstand any organized attack the enemy is likely to deliver. There are sufficient stocks of food to last the garrison for some time. The enemy's position is not a horse-shoe."

"The casualties caused by our shell-fire are increasing and the Boers are reported to be becoming nervous. They fear night sorties and constantly open a heavy fusillade on our imaginary attack."

GERMANS STOP RECRUITING. The German officials have promptly stopped the Boers from recruiting in Dammarland. Neither men nor horses are permitted to cross the border.

FOR A MILITARY MINISTER. LONDON, December 28.—Mr. Henry Spencer Wilkinson, the Morning Post's military expert, in his review of the situation to-day, says:

"The time has apparently arrived for the nation to insist, if not upon a military dictatorship, at least upon a military administration, at least upon a military minister, empowered to veto any proposals detrimental to the successful prosecution of the war, and also that the administration of the army should be placed wholly in the hands of a tried military administrator."

BOER AGENT AT DELAGOA. LONDON, December 28.—A correspondent of the Standard at Lourenço Marques says: "Delagoa Bay is the residence of Herr

STORY PURE FICTION.
In All Its Claims Without
Foundation in Fact.

THAT ALLEGED SECRET TREATY

Reported Agreement Between Britain, Germany, and Portugal.

DIVISION OF PORTUGUESE AFRICA.

Manifest Improbability of the Report as Published—Britain, However, Under Treaty With Portugal, Might Obtain Delagoa Bay.

BERLIN, December 28.—Regarding the statement by the Lokal Anzeiger that a secret Anglo-German-Portuguese treaty exists for the division of the Portuguese colonies in South Africa, the correspondent of the Associated Press is able to assert, on the highest authority, that the story is pure fiction, and is, in all its claims, without foundation in fact.

The high official who authorizes this denial made the following declaration: "There is no objection to stating that the understanding had by Great Britain, Germany, and Portugal refers only to Africa, and leaves Asia wholly out of the account. It is quite certain, however, that Germany, under no consideration, would concede such a bargain with Portugal as the Lokal Anzeiger sets forth. Any one with the slightest political sense ought to see that these tiny 'enclaves' in the midst of British India are the last Colonial possessions Germany would dream of."

NOT BELIEVED IN WASHINGTON. WASHINGTON, D. C., December 28.—Nothing is known here of the reported intention of Great Britain and Germany to partition Portuguese East Africa between them. The officials here attach no credence to the story, because, as they point out, a movement of this kind, disturbing the balance of power in Africa, would lead almost certainly to serious complications between the principals and the other Powers of Europe.

Moreover, the old rumor of a secret treaty between England and Portugal, whereby the former might, for a proper consideration, possess itself of Delagoa Bay, whenever the place should be needed for military purposes, has always been credited, to some extent, here, and if such a treaty really exists, there would be no need for Germany's participation, as reported.

"THE RUMOR 'FANTASTICAL'." LONDON, December 28.—A dispatch to the Standard from Berlin comments on the Lokal Anzeiger's treaty statements as follows: "When it is remembered that two of Portugal's Asiatic possessions—Goa and Damão—form 'enclaves' of the province of Bombay, the statements of the Lokal Anzeiger border on the fantastic."

WOOD RESET BY OFFICE-SEEKERS.

His Latest Official Action an Agreeable Surprise to Cubans.

HAVANA, December 28.—General Wood's office is besieged daily by a crowd of office-seekers from all parts of the island. The applicants want everything or anything from Cabinet secretaries to janitors, and the Governor-General receives, on the average, 20 people every twenty-four hours. He manages to find time to pay unexpected, early morning visits to the asylums and jails. General Wood probably will take the managers of such institutions to-morrow. To-morrow he intends to inspect the Leper Hospital. To-day he visited the Beneficencia. He does not intend to interfere in matters of public policy before the New Year, when the new cabinet will be installed.

It is generally reported by friends of the men named that Senor Villan has been offered a Cabinet post. A similar statement is made concerning Senor Varona, who has been offered a post in the present chief of public works at Santa Clara. Senor Varona was formerly editor of the Patria. Senor Esteveza is the president of the National party. Senor Tamayo is a judge of the Supreme Court.

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"No such contract has been recognized until after the event which is only a few months off. Then the will of the people will be known, and, provided there is no interference with the prerogatives of the provincial government, municipalities will be allowed to use any and every means of improving the country, without interference from Havana or anywhere else."

SEIZURE OF AMERICAN FLOUR.

Facts to Be Ascertained—Seizure Not as Reported, at Least.

WASHINGTON, December 28.—The assumption of the facts connected with the seizure of American flour by British warships off the coast of Portugal, as reported by the Lokal Anzeiger, has been confirmed to the United States Consul Agent at Lourenço Marques. Under the instructions sent to him by Secretary Hay yesterday, he will ascertain all of the facts connected with the seizure of the flour, and particularly the names of the persons to whom the flour was consigned, and the actual ownership of the goods.

The Department of State is determined to do everything proper to maintain American rights in the matter of neutral trade in this case. But so far, the department is in absolute ignorance of any essential facts regarding the seizure, and until it has made sure of its ground, it cannot proceed to make any objection to the use of the flour.

The flour was not seized, as at first reported, and there is reason to believe that, in the case of at least one consignment, the flour was not seized, but was simply diverted to another port. The flour was not seized, but was simply diverted to another port. The flour was not seized, but was simply diverted to another port.

Threatened Negro Rising Averted. FORT WHITE, FLA., December 28.—The threatened uprising of negroes here over the killing of Tom White, a negro, by the Marshal of this place, the Democrats have been greatly surprised, and are making a show of force.

Several shots were fired into the darkness by the negroes, who are supposed to have been negroes. Armed guards are kept out to prevent incendiary fires.

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